

a second step of separating unwanted volatile components from said wort.

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52. Use according to claim 51, characterized in that internal pressure in the column is controlled in accordance with the temperature of the wort entering the column.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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--A device for eliminating unwanted volatile components from beer wort comprises a column comprising: a system for uniformly distributing the beer wort inside the column in a first direction, a system for uniformly distributing a current of inert gas or steam inside the column in a second direction, preferably opposite to the first direction, and a system for increasing the surface area of contact of said wort inside the column with the current of inert gas or steam.--

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The above amendments are intended to conform the above-referenced new U.S. patent application to U.S. practice and to place the claims in better form for examination.

An early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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